

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

The following claim listing will replace all prior versions of the claims.

1 – 64 (*Cancelled*)

65. (*Currently Amended*) ~~A Valacyclovir~~ valacyclovir hydrochloride hydrate, having a water content of between about 6% and about 10%.
66. (*Cancelled*)
67. (*Cancelled*)
68. (*Currently Amended*) The valacyclovir hydrochloride hydrate of claim ~~67~~ 65, which is Form I.
69. (*Previously Presented*) A process for making valacyclovir hydrochloride hydrate comprising the steps of:
- a) mixing crude valacyclovir hydrochloride with water;
 - b) heating the mixture;
 - c) cooling the mixture;
 - d) further cooling the mixture;
 - e) suspending the mixture in lower alkanol;
 - f) isolating the precipitate;
 - g) drying the product of step f; and
 - h) recovering valacyclovir hydrochloride hydrate.
70. (*Previously Presented*) The process of claim 69, wherein the mixture of step b is heated to a temperature of from about 35°C to about 45°C.
71. (*Previously Presented*) The process of claim 69, wherein the mixture of step c is cooled to a temperature of from about 30°C to about 40°C.
72. (*Previously Presented*) The process of claim 69, wherein the mixture of step e is cooled to a temperature of about -5°C.
73. (*Previously Presented*) The process of claim 69, wherein the lower alkanol is isopropyl alcohol.
74. (*Previously Presented*) The process of claim 69, wherein the product of step f is dried at a temperature of from about 30°C to about 45°C.

75. *(Previously Presented)* The process of claim 74, wherein the product of step f is dried at a temperature of from about 35°C to about 45°C.
76. *(Previously Presented)* The process of claim 69, wherein the product of step f is dried for a period of time of from about 1 hour to 40 hours.
77. *(Currently Amended)* The process of claim 76, wherein the product of step f is dried for a period of time of from about 1 hour to 18 hours.
78. *(New)* The valacyclovir hydrochloride hydrate of claim 65, having a water content of about 9%.
79. *(New)* The valacyclovir hydrochloride hydrate of claim 65, having a water content of about 8.7%.
80. *(New)* The valacyclovir hydrochloride hydrate of claim 65, having a water content of about 9.2%.